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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1372

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 2, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Apr 2, 2009

SUBJECT: Library Services Authorities; Library Cards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Blanton

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Gard

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Library Services Authorities-* The bill allows a library services authority to merge with another authority or a nonprofit corporation, or both, to create a nonprofit corporation.

Library Cards- The bill provides for a free or reduced fee library card for a student who is not a resident of a library district but is enrolled in a nonpublic school located at least in part in the library district. (Current law allows a free or reduced fee library card for a student who is not a resident of a library district only if the student is enrolled in a public school corporation located at least in part in the library district.)

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Library Services Authorities-* The Secretary of State (SOS) would approve or disapprove library mergers under the bill. The SOS would conduct examinations or investigations as deemed necessary to make an approval decision. The SOS would be able to carry out these requirements within their existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Library Services Authorities-* Library service authorities do not have tax levy authority. Therefore, property taxes would not be impacted.

Library Cards- Public library revenues could decline by an indeterminable amount depending on the action

taken by a library to provide free or reduced priced library cards to nonpublic students. It is unknown if any students attending nonpublic schools currently receive free or reduced price library cards.

State Agencies Affected: Secretary of State.

Local Agencies Affected: Library services authorities, libraries.

Information Sources:

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